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SUGGESTIONS

REF: (A) MOSCOW 04860, (B) ALEXANDER-HAYS TELECON OF
MARCH 17, (C) MOSCOW 05006

1. CONSULATE HAS YET TO RECEIVE OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO
SUGGESTED ITINERARY REF (A). HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF
PRESSING NEED TO NAIL DOWN ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS,
WE ARE PROPOSING THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE PROGRAM. REQUEST
CODEL COMMENTS SOONEST.

2. CODEL SCHEDULE.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25.

1400 -- ARRIVE LENINGRAD. CODEL WILL BE MET BY
CONSUL GENERAL BUCHANAN, CONTROL OFFICER AND APPROPRIATE
SOVIET GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

1415 -- CODEL LAYS BOUQUET OF FLOWERS AT VICTORY
SQUARE WAR MEMORIAL ENROUTE TO HOTEL. MONUMENT IS ON MAIN
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ROUTE INTO CITY. PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE LAID ON BY
CITY, AND FLOWER LAYING CAN BE DONE WITH MINIMUM DELAY OR
FUSS.

1445 -- ARRIVE AT HOTEL AND FRESHEN UP PRIOR TO CALL
ON MAYOR.

1530 -- CALL ON MAYOR IN MARINSKIY PALACE.

1630 -- RETURN TO HOTEL.

1730-1900 -- RECEPTION HOSTED BY LOCAL SOVIET
OFFICIALS (THIS IS AS YET UNCONFIRMED).

1930 -- RECOMMEND TCHAIKOVSKIY'S CLASSIC OPERA
"UEGENE ONEGIN". ALTERNATIVES ARE CIRCUS (SOMEWHAT BETTER
IN MOSCOW) OR LOCAL RESTAURANT WITH ENTERTAINMENT, DANCING
OR BOTH. THERE IS NO BALLET SATURDAY NIGHT.

2230 -- LATE SUPPER AT HOTEL FOR THOSE ATTENDING OPERA
OR CIRCUS.

3. SUNDAY, MARCH 26.

0800 -- BREAKFAST AT HOTEL.

0900 -- DEPART FOR PISKARYOV CEMETARY.

0945 -- WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT CEMETARY.

1030 -- CALL ON MILITARY OFFICIALS AND TOUR OF MILITARY
FACILITY.

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1300 -- LUNCH AT PETER AND PAUL FORTRESS (JOINING
WIVES).

1430 -- CALLS ON LOCAL OFFICIALS AND TOUR OF CITY OR
VISIT TO HERMITAGE MUSEUM WHILE WIVES TOUR CITY.

1730-1900 -- RECEPTION AT CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE.

1930 -- RECOMMEND WORLD FAMOUS KIROV BALLET ("FOUN-
TAIN OF BAKCHISERAI"). ALTERNATIVES ARE CIRCUS OR DINING
OUT.

2230 -- LATE SUPPER AT HOTEL FOR THOSE ATTENDING
BALLET OR CIRCUS.

4. MONDAY, MARCH 27.

0600 -- EARLY BREAKFAST FOR CREW MEMBERS.

0800 -- BREAKFAST FOR CODEL.

1000 -- DEPART LENINGRAD.

5. WIVES' SCHEDULE.

FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR WIVES ON MARCH 26:

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1000 -- VISIT TO HERMITAGE (BEFORE IT OPENS AT 1100
A.M.).

1230 -- TOUR PETER AND PAUL FORTRESS.

1300 -- LUNCH WITH REST OF CODEL AT FORTRESS.

1430 -- TOUR OF CITY.

1730-2230 -- SAME AS SCHEDULED FOR CODEL.

6. WE HAVE HAD A PRELIMINARY MEETING WITH INTOURIST AND
THERE SHOULD BE NO RPT NO PROBLEM IN ARRANGING SIGHTSEEING
AND CULTURAL PROGRAM ALONG THE ABOVE LINES. HOWEVER, WE
WILL NEED TO HAVE CODEL'S DECISION ON BOTH DAY'S EVENING
ENTERTAINMENT ASAP IN ORDER TO RESERVE TICKETS TO THESE
POPULAR PERFORMANCES. AT LEAST TWO (2) DAYS ADVANCE
NOTICE IS ESSENTIAL FOR INTOURIST TO BE ABLE TO HANDLE
RESERVATIONS.

7. ACCOMMODATIONS. CONSULATE WILL RESERVE 17 SINGLES,
14 DOUBLES AND ADDITIONAL DOUBLE FOR CONTROL ROOM. IT NOW

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APPEARS THAT ENTIRE DELEGATION WILL BE HOUSED IN HOTEL Leningrad. CONSULATE WILL RESERVE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CREW UPON RECEIPT OF CONFIRMING CABLE FROM 89TH MILITARY AIR WING.

8. WILL ANY OF ESCORT OFFICERS (BROWN, CAPT. BRACKEN, JOYCE) BE STAYING AT RESIDENCE WITH CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. PRICE? IF NOT, THEY WILL ALL BE ACCOMMODATED WITH CODEL AT Leningrad HOTEL.

9. FOR MOSCOW: WILL BROWN AND BRACKEN PAYMENT BE SEPARATE FROM CODEL?

10. TRANSPORTATION. VERY LIMITED CONSULATE CAR POOL WILL BE FULLY ABSORBED BY OTHER REQUIREMENTS. PRESENT PLANS ARE FOR ONE 45 PASSENGER BUS, BAGGAGE VEHICLE AND 2 RENTED CARS TO BE AT AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL FOR CODEL (SEPARATE BUS FOR FLIGHT CREW). THE TWO SEDANS WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDE CODEL WITH NEEDED FLEXIBILITY. ON SUNDAY, MARCH 26, ADDITIONAL BUS WILL BE REQUIRED TO FACILITATE WIVES PROGRAM FROM 1000 HOURS TO 1730. INTOURIST HAS STATED THAT ONLY BUS WILL BE PROVIDED AS PART OF PACKAGE AND THAT ALL OTHER VEHICLES (BAGGAGE TRUCK, SEDANS, ADDITIONAL BUS) WILL BE PAID FOR SEPARATELY. SINCE WE UNDERSTAND ATA'S VERSION OF PACKAGE INCLUDES MORE SERVICES THAN INTOURIST IS TELLING US (E.G. WOULD INCLUDE BAGGAGE TRUCK), IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ARE GIVEN FULL DETAILS ASAP, AND THAT ATA WEIGHS IN ON YOUR END TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS HERE.

11. CONSULATE WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT ABOVE SCHEDULE FOR CODEL IS HIGHLY TENTATIVE PENDING SOME REACTION FROM SOVIET SIDE TO SUGGESTIONS AND REQUESTS PUT FORWARD BY EMBASSY MOSCOW. WE WILL, HOWEVER, BE USING ABOVE
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SCHEDULE FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES IN DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS. BUCHANAN

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